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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments yesterday and today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

LA CROSSE MAN CHARGED WITH TAX EVASION

Frederick G. Kriemelmeyer, 58, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, is charged in a four-count indictment with filing false individual income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. The indictment alleges that he under-reported gross receipts on Schedule C of Form 1040 for the tax years of 2000, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

If convicted, Kriemelmeyer faces a maximum penalty of three years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

OREGON MAN CHARGED WITH TAX EVASION

Stephen T. Parker, 44, of Oregon, Wisconsin, is charged in three-count indictment with filing false individual income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. The indictment alleges that he under-reported income on Schedule E of Form 1040 for the tax years of 2000, 2001, and 2002.

If convicted, Parker faces a maximum penalty of three years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

TWO ROCK COUNTY MEN CHARGED WITH ARMED BANK ROBBERY

Shawn Clarke, 32, of Edgerton, Wisconsin, and Eric Bogin, 29, of Janesville, Wisconsin, are charged with the armed robbery of the Parker Community Credit Union in Janesville on March 13, 2007. The two defendants were originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Madison on March 20. The complaint alleged that Clarke and Bogin committed the robbery using a stolen pellet gun. They made an initial court appearance on March 20, and their arraignment has been set for March 30.

If convicted, Clarke and Bogin each face a maximum penalty of 25 years in federal prison. The charges against them are the result of an investigation by the Janesville Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

MINNESOTA MAN CHARGED WITH MAIL FRAUD

Jeffrey Heckel, 41, of Shevlin, Minnesota, is charged in a five-count indictment with mail fraud, during a period from December 2002 until May 2003. The indictment alleges that he listed commercial items for sale on eBay, Inc., an internet auction website, knowing that he did not possess the items and with no intent of making good on any delivery. The indictment alleges five separate incidents in which certified checks, totaling \$12,937.88, were mailed to Heckel as payment for an item he listed on eBay, Inc.

If convicted, Heckel faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIME

Antwan Windom, 23, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with possession of a firearm after having previously been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. The indictment alleges that he possessed a .40 caliber pistol on November 8, 2006.

If convicted, Windom faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

MAN CHARGED WITH RE-ENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION

Luis Balboa-Ayala, 30, a citizen of Mexico, is charged with intentionally entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that Balboa-Ayala was found in the United States on March 8, 2007.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH FIVE BANK ROBBERIES

Vernail Brown, 46, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged in a five-count indictment with robberies involving four banks in the Madison area. The locations and dates of the robberies alleged in the indictment are:

M&I Bank, 2900 Fish Hatchery Road – November 14, 2006 and January 16, 2007;
Associated Bank, 202 State Street – November 29, 2006;
M&I Bank, 1202 North Sherman Avenue – January 12, 2007; and
Anchor Bank, 25 West Main Street – January 26, 2007.

If convicted, Brown faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department, the Fitchburg Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

MINNESOTA MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF FORGED CHECKS AND IDENTITY THEFT

Stephen J. Barthold, 43, of Forest Lake, Minnesota, is charged with four counts of possessing a forged security and possession of a means of identification not his own with the intent of committing an unlawful act. The indictment alleges that on September 28, 2005, Barthold possessed forged checks of two Osceola, Wisconsin businesses, and possessed a means of identification in the name of the individual to whom the checks were made payable.

If convicted, Barthold faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison on each possession of a forged security count, and five years for the identity theft count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Polk County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

HAYWARD MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG AND GUN CRIMES

Aaron Allen, 44, of Hayward, Wisconsin, is charged with possessing materials to be used to manufacture methamphetamine, and being a felon in possession of a firearm, a .22 caliber rifle. The indictment alleges that Allen possessed these items on January 23, 2007.

If convicted, Allen faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison on both counts. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, the Washburn County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG AND GUN CRIMES

Ronald Baskin, 27, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with possessing with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine, and being a felon in possession of a firearm, a 9mm Glock pistol. The indictment alleges that he possessed these items on January 26, 2007.

If convicted, he faces a minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison on the drug count, and 10 years on the gun count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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